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NEW SOLICITOR BRINGS BUSINESS EXPERIENCE TO CITY

Today, City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. announced John P. Curp, Esq. as the new City Solicitor, the highest ranking lawyer for the City of Cincinnati. Curp currently is a partner with the law firm Taft, Stettinius & Hollister LLP in Columbus in the Business and Finance Department. His practice areas have provided him with experience including business incentives, land use, property tax issues, construction and public works projects, and employment law. Curp will begin working for the city on September 2.

"John's extensive business and financing background will be a great boon to our efforts to attract and retain companies and jobs in the city," said Dohoney. "He is well versed in public law and his integrity and leadership will serve the city organization and the people of Cincinnati well."

As the director of the city's law department, Curp will manage a staff of over 60 people and direct the general legal advice, counsel, services and representation of the Mayor, members of City Council, City Manager, City officials, and all City departments, boards, commissions and agencies. Areas of practice he will oversee include: criminal prosecution, civil litigation, drafting legislation, legislative counseling, real estate acquisition, land disposal, property management, mediation services and business/family relocation. He will have a starting salary of \$155,170.

"Cincinnati's growth and investment in public projects are two very exciting reasons to come to the city," said Curp. "I am looking forward to being part of the positive contributions that Cincinnati's government is making to the community."

During his tenure at the Taft law firm, Curp served as a member of the Diversity Committee, and as chair of the Business and Finance Department's Technology Task Force. He has been active in the Columbus Bar Association as the Professionalism Committee Chair and on the Admissions Committee, and on the Ohio Bar Association's Judicial Administration and Legal Reform Committee. Further, Curp is a board member of the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission and of the Central Ohio Cystic Fibrosis Foundation.

Curp was admitted to the Ohio Bar in 1995 after graduating from the Indiana University School of Law in Bloomington. He graduated from Miami University with a Bachelor of Science in Business Finance.

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